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Sir:

This is in response to the Final Office Action mailed from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on March 13, 2009, an Advisory Action having been mailed August 26, 2009. A Request for Continued Examination (RCE) is concurrently being filed herewith. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the outstanding rejections set forth in the Final Official Action mailed March 13, 2009 in view of the herein-contained remarks.

A request for a three-month extension of time is being submitted herewith. If any additional fees are necessary to maintain the pendency of this patent application, the Office is authorized to charge such fee to Deposit Account No. 19-0089.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks / Arguments begin on page 6 of this paper.